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SUBJECT: MILGOV EXILES POLITICAL LEADER

1. DR. JAVIER ARIAS STELLA, FORMER MINHEALTH IN BELAUNDE GOVERNEMENT AND ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF ACCION POPULAR, WAS DEPORTED TO ARGENTINA SEPT 7. ARIAS WAS DETAINED AT AIRPORT ON PREVIOUS EVENING WHEN HE RETURNED WITH HIS WIFE FROM CARACAS WHERE HE ATTENDED MEDICAL CONGRESS. AFTER INTERROGATION BY PIP HE WAS TAKEN AWAY AND NOT SEEN UNTIL FOLLOWING AFTERNOON WHEN HE BOARDED ARGENTINE AIRLINES FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES. BOTH ACCION POPULAR AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES HAVE ISSUED FORMAL STATEMENTS CONDEMNING ACTION BUT MILGOV HAS MADE NO COMMENT REGARDING MATTER.

2. COMMENT: EXILE OF ARIAS PRESUMABLY RESULT OF RECENT ACCION POPULAR DECLARATION WHICH CALLS FOR ELECTIONS CRITICIZES MILGOV ACCOMPLISHMENTS VIS-A-VIS ITS STATED OBJECTIVES AND ACCUSES IT OF DIVIDING NATION BY FOMENTING CLASS STRUGGLE (LIMA A-227). DECLARATION, WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE MUCH PULICITY WHEN IT FIRST APPEARED, HAS REAPPEARED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF CARETAS, BI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT MAGAZINE WITH CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL COMMENTARY. ARIEAS BECOMES THIRD ACCION POPULAR

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SECRETARY GENERAL TO BE DEPORTED IN PAST TWO YEARS.

JOSE MARIA DE LA JARA IS NOW IN SPAIN WHILE MIGUEL
ANGEL CUSSIANOVICH IS IN COSTA RICA.

3. WHILE MILGOV REMAINS ESSENTIALLY NON-REPRESSIVE
IN NATURE, IT TAKES ARBTRARY ACTIONS OF THIS TYPE
FROM TIME TO TIME. SOMETIMES THEY BACKFIRE FOR
MILGOV AS IN CASE OF LA PRENSA JOURNALIST LUIS REY DE
CASTRO WHO WAS DEPORTED AND WHOSE CASE WAS ARGUED AND
WON BEFORE SUPREME COURT (BY LUIS BEDOYA REYES) ON
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. ARIAS DEPORTATION ALSO CONTRASTS WITH
MILGOV'S OFT REPEATED CLAIMS OF OPENNESS TO CRITICISM,
REITERATED MOST RECENTLY BY PRES VELASCO IN JULY 28
SPEECH.
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